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U.S. Navy Medicine ambassadors Dental Corps Capt. Jonathan Haun and Medical Corps Lt. Cmdr. Jami Peterson teach children about healthy habits and military medicine during a presentation at the Boys & Girls Club of the Red River Valley during Fargo Navy Week. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Peter Melkus/Released)

My name is Jonathan Lee Haun. I am a captain in the Navy Dental Corps and a prosthodontist. I hail from Medford, a small town in southern Oregon. I was born in South Korea. At the age of 18 months, I

was adopted by an American family. I grew up in the Oregon countryside where patriotism and Christian values were deeply rooted. After joining the Marine Corps, I never doubted I would make a career in the military. It was a perfect fit.

I started my Navy adventure as an enlisted Marine. I spent four years on active duty with an Avionics military occupational specialty (MOS). I spent another six years in the Marine Corps Reserve while completing my undergraduate degree and part of dental school. During my sophomore year of dental school, I was accepted into Navy Dentistry and commissioned an ensign.



Receiving my MBA from Naval Post Graduate School.

As the Navy Staff's medical analysis branch head I work with Medical Service Corps operations officers in the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) assessment division, helping the CNO prepare the Navy's budget.

Navy Medicine has provided me with unlimited opportunities, great jobs, and lifelong friends. I have lived overseas (Italy), served aboard a ship (USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74)), deployed to Iraq, and I have been stationed at military treatment facilities across the United States.

My professional career has been enhanced by an out-service residency training at Ohio State University, Command and Staff College at Marine Corps University, and an executive MBA at the Naval Postgraduate School. In addition to these degrees, I received valuable dental continuing education and leadership training. Navy Medicine has given me the tools to excel within the Navy and has set me up for success after I retire.

As a lieutenant commander aboard the *Stennis*, I was assistant dental department head, prosthodontist, and port visit officer for an "around the world cruise." During the six month deployment, we transited the Suez Canal, had multiple port visits in the Middle East and two port visits to Australia.



My wife and I attend the CNO's Navy Ball.

As a commander, I led a dental team that was embedded in a Marine Corps, Combat Service Support Battalion (CSSB) when the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003. My unit pre-staged in Kuwait just prior to the invasion, and we were part of the initial invasion force, finally ending up in Basra, Iraq. Later in 2004-2005, I returned to Iraq as the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) dental officer at Al Taqaddum Air Base (TQ), Iraq to coordinate dental assets in the area of responsibility.

The most "rewarding" aspect of my career is mentoring officers and enlisted. My success is the culmination of a lot of mentoring and I try to "pay it forward".

I have had a fun and challenging career, working with extremely remarkable people, doing important and impactful jobs as Navy dentist!

I'm Capt. Jonathan Haun. I am Navy Medicine.

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